

2004-06 Special Initiative Funding Requests Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria

The Points of Consensus stipulate that a mechanism for requesting funds for special and meritorious initiatives be a part of the 2004-06 budget process, and that guidelines for evaluating such requests be established early in the process. The attached 2004-06 Special Initiative Funding Requests Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria reflect discussions between and among the Council staff, the university presidents, the university chief budget officers, and the Special Initiative Funding Requests committee.

Action: The staff recommends that the Council approve the attached 2004-06 Special Initiative Funding Requests Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria.

At its February 2003 meeting, the Council approved the *Points of Consensus among University Presidents, KCTCS President, and the Council President Concerning the 2004-06 Funding Methodology*. This document evolved over several months through meetings of the presidents, chief budget officers, and chief academic officers. It provides a framework to guide the development of the Council's 2004-06 operating and capital budget recommendation.

The *Points of Consensus* stipulate that the institutions be given an opportunity to request state General Funds for special and meritorious initiatives for the 2004-06 biennium, and that the guidelines governing distributions for such initiatives be promulgated well in advance. Working within the framework of the *Points of Consensus*, a work group comprised of Council staff and university representatives developed the attached 2004-06 Special Initiative Funding Requests Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria. The draft guidelines were discussed with the chief budget officers at their July 17 meeting and were shared with the university presidents. No changes to the original draft were requested.